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September 13, 2022

Governor Gavin Newsom
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SUPPORT: SB 1238 – Behavioral health services: existing and projected needs.

Dear Governor Newsom,

The City of Laguna Niguel is pleased to offer its support for Senate Bill 1238 by Senator Eggman. SB 1238 would require the Department of Health Care Services, beginning January 1, 2024, and at least every five years thereafter, to conduct a review of and prepare a report regarding current and projected behavioral health care infrastructure and service needs in each region of the state. Data collection and sharing would be instrumental in understanding whether behavioral health services and infrastructure meet community needs and allow for effective planning for the future. Access to consistent, robust data statewide is the key to a health care system that is modern and evidence-based. ACC-OC recommends that these reports be made more frequently than once every five years to ensure the appropriate application of collected data in a timely manner.

For these reasons, the City of Laguna Niguel supports SB 1238 and urges you to sign this bill into law. Should you have any questions about our position, please contact Kevin O'Connor, Management Assistant, at koconnor@cityoflagunani.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Elaine Gennawey".

Elaine Gennawey
Mayor